

Flamingos are recorded sporadically throughout the Indian continent but no specific reference is given to their occurrence in the interior. Madh is located 15 kilometres north of Junnar in Poona District, Maharashtra (74° E., 19.5° N.) at an altitude of 2000 feet. Flocks of several hundred flamingos have been reported by the forest guards for the last three years in the flooded valley of the Pushpavati River during the height of the monsoon. This flat valley is approximately 10 square miles in area with many tanks and flooded rice fields. Steep mountains border the valley. The birds stay in the area for approximately one week depending on the amount of rain.

If during the monsoon flamingos regularly come to the area near Madh, it offers an opportunity to study their migratory patterns and freshwater food. Unfortunately, during that time, Madh is accessible only by foot or bullock cart.

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3. OCCURRENCE OF THE BARHEADED GOOSE, *ANSER INDICUS* IN JASDAN (GUJARAT)

The Barheaded Goose has been recorded once in Gujarat at Jamnagar in 1951, and Maharao Vijayaraji of Kutch mentioned years ago that it was a rare winter visitor to Kutch. There seem to be no other records for Gujarat, so it was a pleasant surprise to see 4 Barheaded Geese on a nearby lake on the 16.xii.70. Surprisingly the birds allowed a close approach to within 50 yards without being unduly disturbed.

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